

SEATS ON THE EXCHANGES

HELD BY GERMAN ALIENS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY PALMER AND WILL BE SOLD TO AMERICAN CITIZENS. PREPARATIONS BEING MADE TO SEND A STEAMER A DAY FROM EUROPE TO BRING AMERICAN SOLDIERS HOME. THE GERMAN SHIPS IN BAD CONDITION AND THE SAILORS DIRTY AND UNKEMPT.

New York, Nov. 26.—Fourteen enemy owned seats on the New York stock exchange, the New Orleans cotton exchange, the New York cotton exchange and the other markets have been seized by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, it was announced here today. The seats will be sold to American citizens.

General Ludendorff Leaves Germany
Copenhagen, Nov. 26.—General Ludendorff, the reputed head of the German military system, is reported to have left Germany, according to a despatch from Sassnitz, Prussia, which says that he has gone to Sweden.

His titular position in the German army was that of Quartermaster General.

President Will Be Gone Six Weeks

Washington, Nov. 26.—About one month is the time President Wilson expects to be in Europe from the opening of the Peace conference through its preliminary work. No definite limit has been fixed it is said today but the President plans to be back on American soil six weeks after the vessel sails for the other side.

It has also been planned to have the American Ambassador and the Italian Ambassador and the French Ambassador to go as passengers on the same vessel with the President.

It was denied today that a censorship would be put in operation to prevent the disclosure of the deliberations of the conference. American newspaper correspondents will be given the fullest opportunity and all possible facilities for the transmission of news to this side.

German Vessels in Bad Condition

The 17th of north, Scotland, Nov. 26.—The German navy has been ruined for all time to come in the opinion of a German Lieutenant who was on one of the warships which were surrendered to the allies. He said: "Now we have only a dishonorable record. No one will want to serve in a disgraced cause."

The inspection of the German vessels disclosed that they are in a deplorable condition, have been neglected for a long time. The sailors present a miserable aspect. Their clothes are dirty and they are woefully depressed.

Germans Cannot Renew War.

Hindenburg's Word to Berlin
Berne, Nov. 23.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to the semi-official Wolff Agency, has tele-

graphed to the Berlin Government asserting categorically that the German army, because of the hard terms of the armistice and of the internal situation, is in no position to renew fighting.

The German military leader added that even operations against the French Army alone would be impossible.

SUIT ATTACKING POWER OF M'ADOO AS DIRECTOR

Toledo, O., Nov. 26.—A temporary restraining order was issued in United States District Court here today against Wm. G. McAdoo as Director General of Railroads, instructing the receiver of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western (Clover Leaf) Railroad, not to accept cars, sign contracts or to do anything that would jeopardize or compromise the interests of the stockholders of the road.

The case, said to be the first in the United States wherein the power of the Director General is attacked, is one in which the stockholders' protective committee of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western seeks to prevent Mr. McAdoo from compelling the road to accept 1,200 freight cars which the committee claims the road does not now need and for which the committee declares the road would have to pay an exorbitant price.

The court also made the Director General a personal party defendant to the suit.

During court today attorneys for the railroad administration stated that the records showed that the receiver for the road had requested the cars.

STATESVILLE HAS \$100,000 BLAZE

Statesville, Nov. 25.—Fire of an unknown origin which originated in the basement of Hamroy's Candy Kitchen, entirely destroyed the Hotel Iredell building here at an early hour yesterday morning. The structure burned was one of the largest in the city. In addition to the loss of the building, which was complete, the stock of merchandise of the McLellan Five and Ten Cent Store, the Iredell Barber Shop, Hamroy's Candy Kitchen, and the Iredell Produce Co. were completely burned. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

MARKETS

COTTON
New York, Nov. 26.—Cotton futures opened steady with December 28.60, Jan. 27.55, March 26.90, May 26.45, July --
Spots, Wilson market 27c.

STOCKS

New York, Wall street, Nov. 26.—Pressure against the rails was resumed at the opening of the stock market today. Southern Pacific was the only conspicuous exception to the lower trend, the initial transactions showing a reactionary tendency. The shippings and oils, were strong. The motors also advanced. Before the end of the first hour the initial losses were recovered. The rails also rallied. Liberty 41-2's continued to ease falling to 97.30.

FAIR TONIGHT & WEDNESDAY

For North Carolina fair tonight and Wednesday with northeast winds probably increasing on the coast.

THE THIRTEENTH TO FALL

DAVID D. TURNER
Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Turner
of Wilson, N. C.

He died at St. Quentin, September 30th.

When the Hindenburg line was broken, the Hun was driven back, and the souls of men were set free from bondage.

In a grave in France his ashes lie,
But his valiant spirit lives. It cannot die.

THE FOURTEENTH TO FALL

PRIVATE ALFRED E. MOORE
Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Moore
of Lucama

Died in France in defense of his Country and Human Liberty

He had been a member of the Navy for Three Years and saw Service in Mexico

With the Navy on the seas which strangled the U-Boat serpents in the depths, saving the starving millions of Europe and enabling America to save the world.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES

At White Oak Church in Honor of Leslie Walston of Saratoga

WHO FELL IN FRANCE

Yesterday afternoon in the Primitive Baptist church at White Oak near Saratoga, this county, of which his mother is a member, impressive memorial exercises were held in honor of brave Leslie Walston who fell in France in defense of his country and human liberty.

The young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hymrick Walston, prominent people of the Saratoga section and was wounded at the same time and by the same shell that killed Dewey Adams and wounded James Anderson of this city.

Elder Frank Farmer presided during the services and introduced the speakers, and after a fervent prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb also of this city the following delivered short addresses in the order in which they are named: Messrs. W. A. Lucas, J. D. Gold, F. D. Swindell, Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the Wilson Methodist church in this city, and Rev. J. B. Massey, pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

Mr. Lucas who delivered the principal address, clothed his remarks with patriotism and praise for our hero who lost his life in defence of his country and human liberty. He opened by saying that in his death Leslie Walston had accomplished more than the man who lives to the extreme old age of three score years and ten. He has become a part of the history of North Carolina and the history of Saratoga, and has placed the name of his family upon the undying scroll of fame.

Mr. Lucas stated that the American boys smile when they come to see that death had not terrors for them for they were in the right and were imbued with the highest sense of duty. He said that he would remember Leslie Walston as a smiling hero. He said he saw him on the train just before he went to France and he told him he was willing to go. According to the casualty list 239,000 American soldiers have given their life blood to break the shackles of mankind and I believe that they were fighting for the Lord.

Mr. Lucas stated that he knew that he was speaking in the presence of both ministers of the gospel as well as laymen, but he must say that he believed that earth and heaven were brought nearer together when the armistice was signed and the end of the war was announced.

He called over the names of Calvin Capps, Robert Anderson, Dewey Adams, J. B. Farmer and others who have been killed and wounded from this county, and now, said he, we have another brave son and hero to add to that immortal list. Their death, said he, is not in vain. It does not matter so much whether a man dies, for man is born to die, but the question we need to ask is how he died and for what did he die?

Mr. Lucas interestingly traced the events of the war and the causes that led to the war. How that America came into the fight to save civilization and the world from a fate that ultimately would be far worse than Germany accorded Belgium or France. To this great sacrifice and to this great cause

FOUR BILLION DOLLARS REVENUE

Adopted by Finance Committee Seven Republicans Oppose the Majority Report

TEN DEMOCRATS FAVOR IT

Washington, Nov. 26.—By a strict party vote, the Senate Finance committee last night decided to recommend that the yield from the 1920 revenue bill be limited to \$4,000,000,000. Ten Democratic members, who voted for the amount suggested by Secretary McAdoo, were opposed by the seven Republicans.

Before adopting the four billion dollar limit the committee voted down a proposal by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, Democrat, to leave the \$6,000,000,000 bill of 1919 unchanged for 1920 and use the two billion surplus for paying outstanding government obligations. The vote was 9 to 8, Senator Gore joining with the seven Republican members.

Republicans object to fixing any limit for taxation in 1920 because they expect to control both the Senate and House in the next Congress. Minority members of the Finance committee said last night they would take their fight to the floor of the Senate and some Republican leaders have said that if the Democrats insist upon this provision of the revenue bill, enactment of the measure by the Congress may be blocked.

The motion to fix the limit of 1920 taxes at \$4,000,000,000 was made by Chairman Simmons. The vote on the roll-call follows:

Ayes: Democrats, Simmons, Williams, Smith of Georgia, Thomas, Robinson, Gore, Jones of New Mexico, Gerry, Lewis and Nugent.

Nays: Republicans, Penrose, Lodge, McCumber, Smoot, Dillingham, LaFollette and Townsend.

Work on the 1919 tax schedule is nearly completed, chairman Simmons announcing last night that the bill now has been reduced to practically six billion dollars. Senator Simmons' amendment exempting persons or partnerships engaged in trade or business from the war excess profits tax, was adopted yesterday by the committee as was an amendment providing that a corporation with a net income of not more than \$20,000 a year shall not be taxed more than 30 per cent. In the House bill the maximum levy was fixed at 35 per cent.

Leslie Walston gave all that he could give, his life—and succeeding ages shall reap the rich reward that he left to posterity.

Thespeaker told of the events leading up to the death of our young hero. How that on that fearful day, August 4th, we had stopped the Hun and then his retreat began and never again did he advance another step into allied country.

Mr. Lucas stated that the men who fought in France and who died in France have caught a glimpse of the Father and the great beyond that none of us ever have, because the greatness of the effort and the work that it involved was more than the average mind can contemplate, the mind of the soldier must have been lost in awe and wonderment.

Mr. Lucas was followed by Mr. J. (Continued on page Two)

AMERICA HAS SAVED US

Declares Cardinal Mercier. Wilson's Just Messages Foiled Germans

WON'T POSE AS MARTYRS

Brussels, Nov. 26.—Cardinal Mercier and Burgomaster Max, two of the most prominent figures of the war in Belgium, excepting King Albert, received The Associated Press correspondent. Both men are as different physically and mentally as the ideas, ideals and opinions they represent of the Liberal Party.

"You have saved us," said the Cardinal, when asked what he thought about America's participation in the war. "You have saved the world."

Cardinal Mercier is tall and dignified. He was garbed in a purple soutane. He chatted with the correspondent for more than half an hour.

"I never despaired, I never lost hope, although at times my heart was very full," the Cardinal said, referring to an incident in December, 1914, when Baron von Bissing, Military Governor of Belgium, virtually made him a prisoner in his Episcopal Palace. "I received a telegram then from the Associated Press and have never been able to answer it. I wish to reply to it now."

"Yes, Bissing treated me as a prisoner for four days." Concerning the Governors of Belgium during the war Cardinal Mercier said that Falkenhause was more cruel and inhuman than Bissing and more perfidious, insidious and dangerous.

"There was not much to choose between them, however," he said.

Referring to his quite recent birthday anniversary the correspondent complimented the Cardinal upon his robust appearance and health. The Cardinal replied:

"It is true that I am 67, but rather it is my seventy-first, because the last four years seemed like eight to me."

Alluding to the change in the government of Germany, Cardinal Mercier said:

"I am no politician. However, the changes there seem too sudden to be lasting. The new government appears to me like a camouflage of the autocracy, and the changes seem to have been made to order according to prearranged schedule.

"It is God's justice, and the public conscience is satisfied. The triumph of justice is complete; the barbarian device that might is right

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THE OPINION OF WILSON

That America Entered War to Wipe Out Bitterness That Causes War

THE BASIS FOR PEACE

Paris, Nov. 26.—The United States government's immense diplomatic success in obtaining from the allied governments acceptance of President Wilson's points, with only one reservation and addition, is becoming daily more apparent as the preliminaries for the approaching peace congress are being outlined largely on the basis of the resident's points.

Col. O'Huse, the special representative of the United States Government when he arrived here, found little disposition among American and European friends to accept as a totality the frame work of peace as expressed by President Wilson. Some European statesmen considered that the points had worked as a good solvent upon Germany; that they had served their great purpose in their effect upon German unity, but that they should not be observed too closely when it came to formulating the practical details of the settlement.

Allied statesmen plainly put forward the view that, as the American traditional policy had been one of detachment from European affairs, it was natural for the American government when the war broke out in Europe, to consider it a quarrel among European nations and to declare its neutrality.

It was pointed out that for two years and a half the American government observed its neutrality and called the attention of both groups of belligerents to violations of sea law. America entered into the war both for that reason and because America did have a community of ideals of government and of human rights with the allies. America, as became a great country, was impelled to put forth great efforts and she did.

Allied statesmen have fully appreciated the effect of American arms in winning the decision. Nevertheless, it was contended by some, this had been a controversy among European nations and the winning group, it was suggested that America, having accomplished her aims, would return to her detachment and allow the countries intimately concerned to arrange a settlement according to the European viewpoint of the situations.

These statesmen made it plain that they would receive every friendly counsel the United States would (Continued on Last Page)

THE TWELFTH TO FALL

PRIVATE HENRY A. RAPER

Son of Mrs. Charlotte Raper

of Spring Hill Township, Wilson County, N. C.

Died in France on the 25th of October, 1918

He was a member of the 141st Infantry and died a glorious death in the service of his country.

THE FIFTEENTH TO FALL

JOHN LEMUEL PENDER

Son of Mr. Lemuel Pender

Gardner's Township

Died in France in defense of his country and Liberty

He died and yet he lives

In the imperishable memory of those he saved
Generations yet unborn shall rehearse the story
Of his courage and the deeds he did.